

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5163

As of January 22, 2009

Title: An act relating to removing the requirement to purchase art for public buildings during the 2009-2011 biennium.

Brief Description: Removing the requirement to purchase art for public buildings during the 2009-2011 biennium.

Sponsors: Senators Hobbs, Schoesler, Berkey, Hewitt, Sheldon, Zarelli, Pflug, Carrell and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 1/22/09 [DNF].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: The Legislature established the Art in Public Places Program, administered by the Washington State Arts Commission, in 1974. Works of art acquired through the program become part of the state art collection and are generally displayed within a newly constructed public building or in the community near the building. The program is funded from the state's capital budget through a mandatory, nondeductible allocation of 0.5 percent of original construction costs. All state agencies (including state departments, boards, councils, commissions, and quasi-public corporations), public schools, universities, and colleges must comply with this program.

Summary of Bill: During the 2009 – 2011 biennium, 100 percent of the monies appropriated for the original construction of a state agency, public school, university, or college building may be used for the original construction.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.